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Lisbon, Nov. 10.

THE 7th instant arrived here the *Exeter* Merchant from *Newfoundland*, the Master reports, that about 20 Leagues to the Westward of this Port he met with two Men of War of *Sally*, the one mounted with 16 and the other with 8 Guns, from whom after some civilities he parted, the Corsairs telling him that there was a Peace concluded between the Governor of *Tangier* and the Governor of *Sally* on the part of his Majesty of *Great Britain* and the Emperor of *Morocco*. The Master adds, that he afterwards met with an *Argiers* Man of War, who upon producing his Pass civilly dismist him to prosecute his Voyage, the Turks telling the Master that there were at present 30 sail of Algerins abroad, and that most of them were cruising upon these Coasts. Our *Brazile* Fleet is now daily expected and with it a Galeon of 1400 Tuns from the *East Indies*.

Madrid, Decemb. 2. Upon the advice the Letters from *Vienna* brought of the Emperors having declared his marriage with the Princess of *Neuhourg*, their Majesties and the whole Court put off the Mourning which they had taken for the Archdutchess of *Insprucke*. All business of moment is now dispatcht by the chief Minister the Marquis *de Villa Sierra*, who however meets with some opposition in his administration of affairs from the Grandees and other persons of Quality, who are contrary to him. *Don Pedro d' Alfaro* is removed from the Presidentship of the *Finances*, and is made of the *Camera de Castilla*, and *Don Lopes de los Rios*, who after having been President of that Council seven years, quitted it in *November* 1673. is made President a second time, and, we are told, that the King by his advice has reformed several Officers belonging to that Tribunal; and the like it's said, will be done to several other Councils, that so, by taking off a great number of Salaries to Officers which are not useful, the publick Revenues may be the better able to defray the charges of the War. This Court is not a little pleased at the news of the arrival of the *New Spain* Fleet at *Cadiz*, having brought a very seasonable as well as considerable supply to the Kings Coffers. We are told that the Agent of the States General at *Argiers* has used great endeavors to persuade that Government to make a Treaty of Peace with his Masters, but hitherto without any success. *Don Francisco de Ayala* one of the Kings Cavallerizas (who was some time since Envoy of this Crown in *France*) was killed the other day by a shot from a Window over against his own, where the Murtherer had waited his opportunity some days, and having executed his design escaped. It is said that the cause of this unfortunate Gentlemans death, was his having made Courtship to a Lady of quality.

Riga, Nov. 5. We seem now pretty well secured on the side of the Moscovites, the Suedish Minister at *Mosco* having, as they write from thence obtained a declaration of the Czar that he will exactly maintain the peace and good correspondence between the two Crowns, and that he will not directly or indirectly act any thing to the prejudice of our King: and hereupon it hath been resolved to send in the Spring great part of the Forces that are at present in this Countrey to *Suedeu* and *Pomeren*. Here has been a report since the news arrived of the Peace concluded between the Poles and the Turks, that the former would enter into a War against the Moscovites, to recover *Kiovia*, a place of great importance, which anciently belonged to the Crown of *Poland*, and according to the last Treaty between the Moscovites and the Poles ought to have been restored to the latter some years since; which obligation the Moscovites on several pretences have not hitherto complyed with, and as is thought will not, unless obliged thereto; but of this report we cannot learn there is any ground, farther than that it is not to be doubted but the King of *Poland* will endeavor to regain that place to the Crown.

Warsaw, Nov. 20. Their Majesties and the whole Court continue at *Zolkiew*, but are expected here about the beginning of the next month. We are assured that the assembling of the Dyet is put off till the 21 of *January*. From *Leopol* they write, that the Troops of the Crown are all gone into their Winter-quarters, and that those of the Dutchy of *Lithuania* are marched home. The Turks are quite retired, and his Majesty is sending an Envoy to the Port to bring back the Ratification of the Treaty of Peace lately concluded.

Naples, Nov. 22. The Regiments of Foot lately commanded by the Dukes of *Canzano* and *de Marsina* are reformed, as being too weak, and the Soldiers are incorporated into another Regiment, which is given to *Don Mario Caraffa*, Brother of the Duke of *Metalone*. Several Gentlemen and others have been lately executed at *Catanea*, being accused of having had Intelligence with the French, which notwithstanding, the number of those that are affected to the French grow very considerable, and they being well informed of the posture of things, are assembling their Troops on that side, in order as is believed to form an enterprise upon *Catanea*. By a Felucca arrived from *Palermo* we are told that there was arrested a Priest, who served for Chaplain on board one of the Spanish Gallies, for having endevoured to withdraw the Officers from their duty, and to persuade them to set fire to the Spanish Gallies and Men of War that were in the Port of *Palermo*. Our Viceroy the Marquis *de los Velez* uses all possible diligence to send considerable supplies of Men and Money to the Viceroy of *Sicily*.

Genoua, Decemb. 2. From *Sicily* we have advice that the French have demolished the *Scaletta*; That *Catanea* is not very well affected to the Spaniards, and that consequently the taking of the place will be the more easie to the French, if they attempt it. The Marquis *de Castel Rodrigo* the Viceroy of *Sicily* is come to *Palermo*, to endeavor to compose matters, which are in some disorder there, through the divisions among the Inhabitants. The *Yarmouth* and *Swan* Frigats are arrived here; the *Bonadventure*, *Rainbow*, and *Lyon*, bound to the Westward, are ready to sail. Two thou-

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